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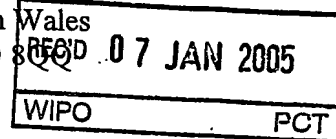
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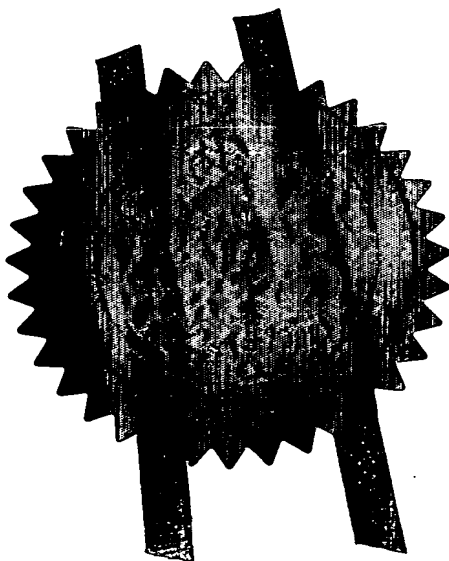
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Title: Renewable Energy Resources

Description

This invention concerns renewable energy resources.

Wind energy has great potential as a renewable energy source. A recent report examining different renewable energy resources found that a total of 60GW of cost effective renewable energy was available with the top two sources in terms potential being offshore wind (25GW) and wave energy (14GW). The next largest source of renewable energy is onshore wind (12GW).

Currently wind power is used to generate electrical energy for the national grid. That requires large-scale commercial wind farms but they are expensive to set up due to the high cost of the generators required.

In our earlier patent application WO 03/067801 a system was proposed for generating electrical power for an individual property comprising a wind powered electricity generator mounted on that property and arranged so that electrical power generated be used in that property in preference to or to supplement electrical power provided by the national grid or other general electrical energy.

In other words, when there is sufficient wind power to generate electrical energy for an individual property's demands, that electrical energy be used rather than the electricity supplied by the national grid. In that way the drain on the resources of the national grid can be cut, so that national supply costs can also be reduced.

It was, therefore, proposed that an individual property have at least one wind powered generator, such as a wind vane or vanes, mounted in a suitable position on the property exposed to the prevailing wind. The wind vane preferably comprised at least one multi-bladed rotor that drives an electricity generator.

The present invention now proposes improvements to that system.

According to a first aspect of the invention there is provided a wind generator arrangement for use in generating electrical power, the arrangement comprising a plurality of wind generators in at least two rows, wherein generators of any one row are at a different height to those of adjacent rows and/or a wind generator of one row is offset relative to any wind generators of an adjacent row.

The arrangement of this aspect of the invention is to avoid operation of each wind generator being adversely affected by air currents produced by operation of adjacent generators.

Preferably each wind generator will be mounted on a height adjustable pole, such as a telescopic pole. Preferably the wind generators are mounted on a platform that is itself mountable on a roof or other suitable structure.

Preferred wind generators for use in the invention initially produce A.C electrical power and one preferably linked to means for converting that A.C into A.C compatible with the A.C. provided to the building

According to another aspect of the invention there is provided means for converting electrical power generated by one or more wind generators

into A.C. suitable for use in providing electrical power for a building to supplement or replace electrical power supply from the national grid.

The means according to this aspect of the invention preferably takes the A.C. current produced by the wind generators through a full wave internally or externally mounted rectifier to convert it to D.C. From the rectifier, the D.C. is preferably converted to square wave A.C., such as by means of a chopper circuit also known as an H bridge. This A.C. is preferably then converted to sine wave A.C., such as by means of a constant voltage transformer. This A.C. is preferably compatible with the A.C. supply from the normal utility supplier to the building. The means for converting the D.C to A.C. preferably has means for ensuring that the A.C. produced is in phase with the A.C. supply normal utility supplier to the building.

Preferably the means for converting electrical power generated by one or more wind generators into A.C. suitable for use in providing electrical power for a building to supplement or replace electrical power supply from the national grid is provided in a box or case to which the wind generators can be connected and which itself can be connected into the electrical circuitry of the building to feed the load thereon.

This invention will now be further described, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figures 1 and 2 are schematic diagrams of a wind generator arrangement for mounting on a roof;

Figure 3 shows a wind generator for use in the arrangement of Figures 1 and 2;

Figure 4 shows schematically a control system for converting wind generated electrical power into A.C. for use in a building; and

Figure 5 shows schematically a control system of the invention.

Referring to Figures 1 and 2 of the accompanying drawings, an arrangement 10 of wind generators 12 for mounting on a roof for use in generating electrical power comprises a platform 14 supported on legs 16, one at each corner. The legs are of adjustable length and angle to suit the location, where the platform is to be mounted.

The wind generators 12 are mounted on poles 18 at spaced intervals. The poles are height adjustable by being telescopic. There are two rows 20 and 22 of wind generators.

It is important that to reduce interference between the rows of generators the generators of the one row be staggered relative to the generators of the other row. Thus, the generators of the rear row 22 are positioned between the generators of the front row 20 as viewed from the front and are also higher than the wind generators of the front row. Thus, viewed from the front none of the generators overlap with another generator. This reduces the impact of air currents produced by one generator affecting the operation of adjacent generators.

Figure 3 of the accompanying drawings shows a typical wind generator 12 for use in the arrangement of Figures 1 and 2. The generator 12 is mounted on a pole 18 and is allowed to rotate through 360°. The generator has three blades 30 on a horizontal axis that are aerodynamically shaped to be caused to rotate on the axis to generate electrical power. The

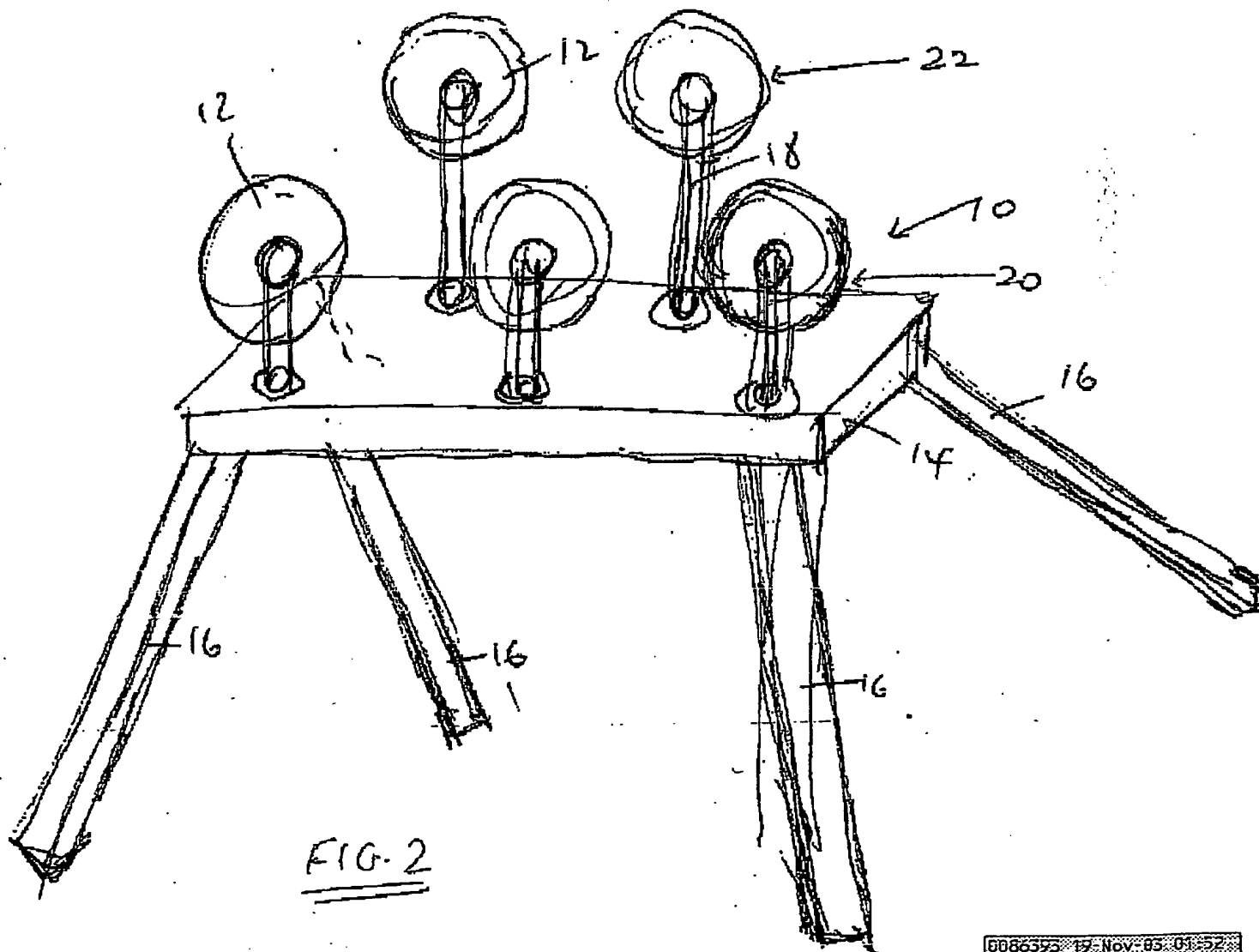
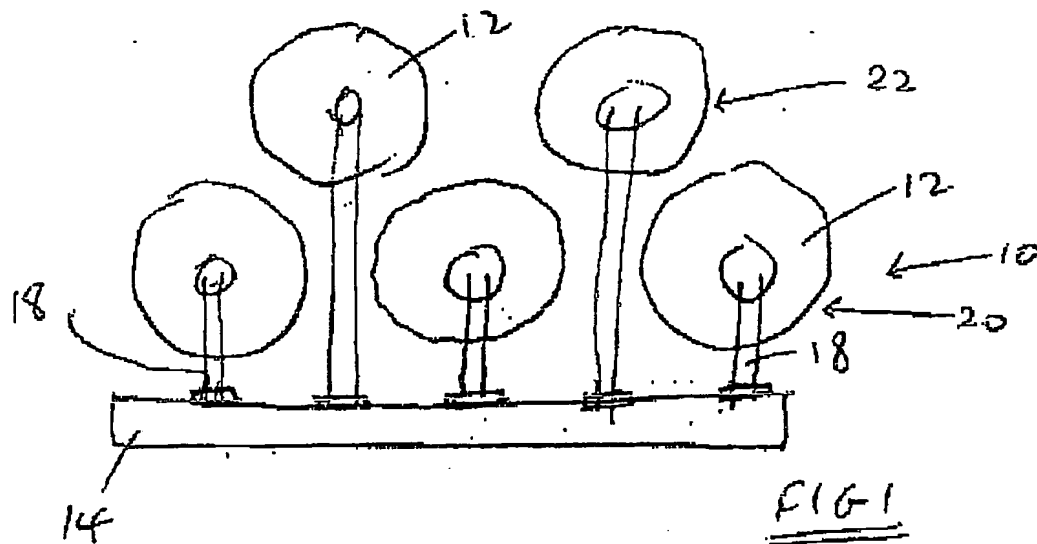
generator has a tail fin 32 that causes the generator to swivel to a position where the blades are facing into the prevailing wind.

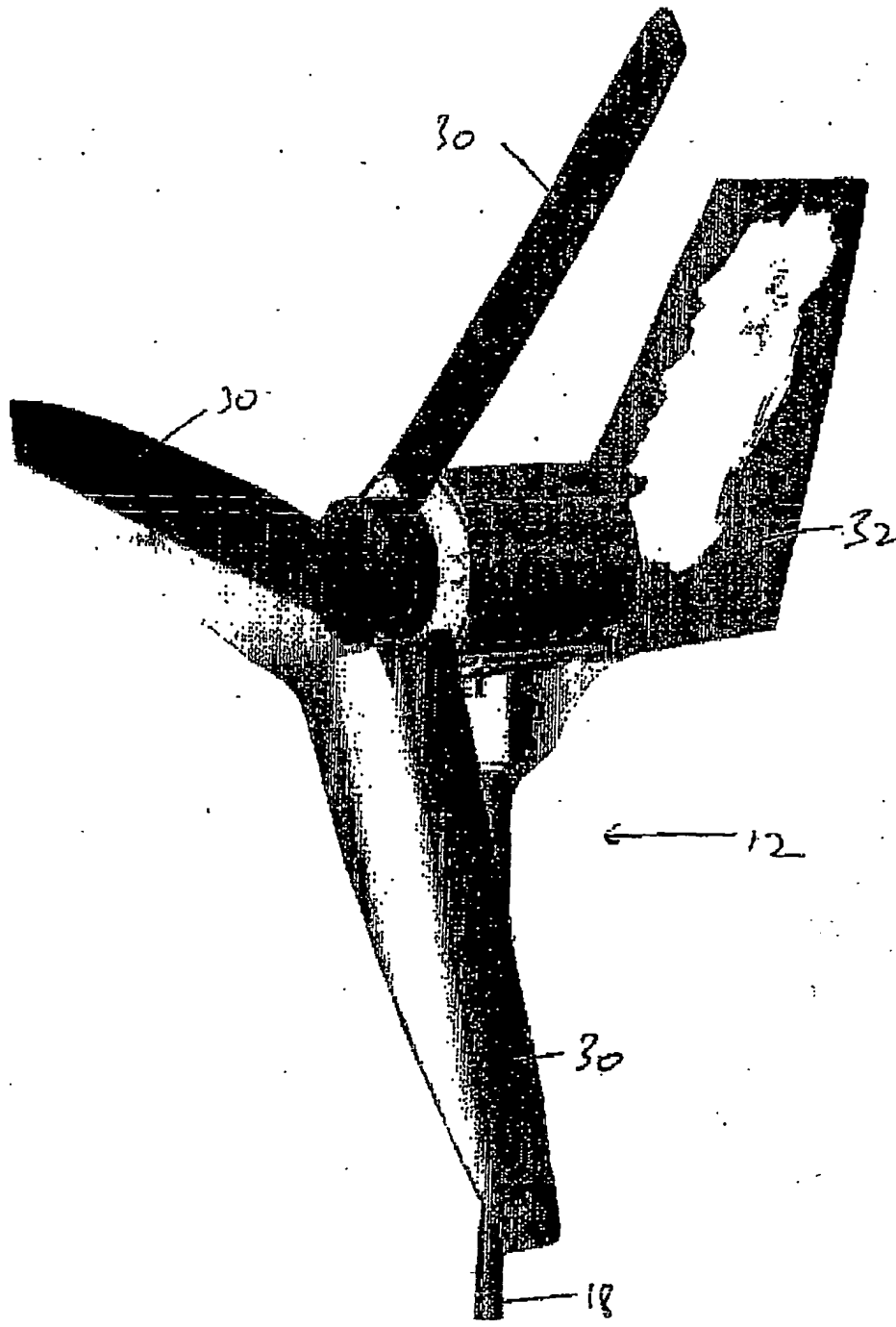
A start-up speed of 3mph [1.3m/sec] will generate ~100W whilst a wind of 27mph [12m/sec] delivers the optimum rating of ~750W using 1.0m dia. blades and 1.2kW using 1.4m dia. blades. In gale force conditions [over 34mph] a cut-off device prevents damage from over-fast rotation.

Turning to Figure 4 there is shown a typical control system for converting electrical power generated by the arrangement of Figure 1 into electrical power that can be used to supplement or replace electrical power supplied to a building from the normal utility supply. The wind generator arrangement 10 produces an A.C. electrical current, which is fed through a full wave rectifier 50 to convert it to D.C. and then through a chopper circuit 52 to produce 50Hz square wave A.C. Across the chopper 52 is a voltage detector 54 linked to a variable tap switch unit 56 prior to a constant voltage transformer 58 that produces A.C. at 240 volts and 50 Hz in sine wave form. The output from the constant voltage transformer 58 is passed through a meter 60 before being fed to the power supply for the building 62, where it joins the power supply from the normal utility supply 64 after the usage meter 66 therefor.

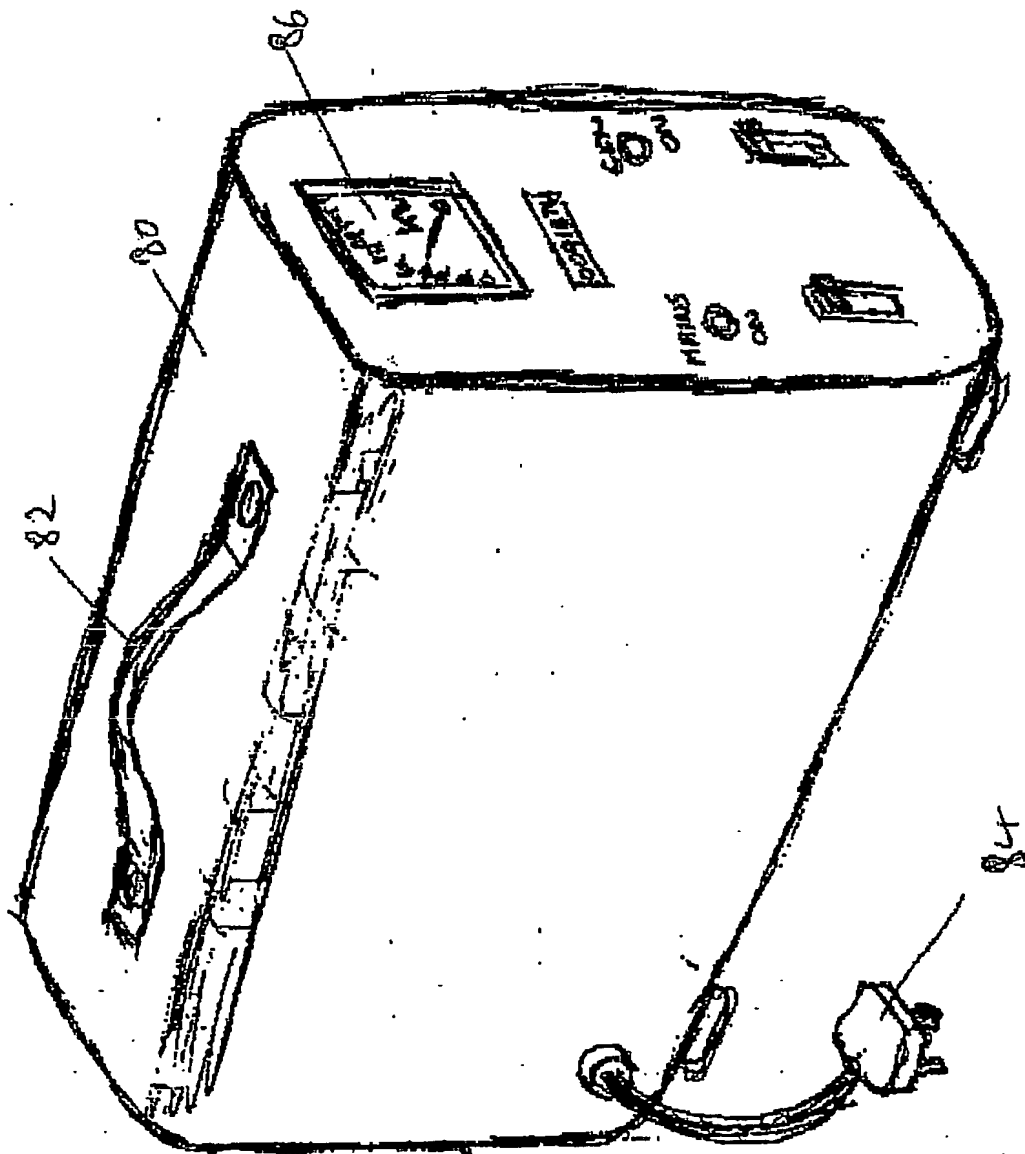
It is important that the A.C. supply from the wind generators is in phase with the national grid A.C. supply. Therefore, a feedback loop for phase angle detection 70 is provided between the wind generator generated electricity supply and the chopper circuit 52, whereby the chopper circuit is controlled to produce A.C. of the correct phase.

In practice, as illustrated in Figure 5 of the accompanying drawings, the means for converting the D.C. output of the wind generators 12 will be fed to a portable control box 80 containing the components described above for converting the D.C. output into A.C. output. The control box 80 has a carrying handle 82 and can be plugged directly into a socket of the building's electrical circuit by means of electrical plug 84 to at least partially feed the load of the building. The control box includes a wattmeter 86. Thus, the electricity power generator system may be installed relatively easily by siting the wind generators in an exposed position, especially on a roof, connecting the electricity supply therefrom to the control box 70 and connecting that into the electricity circuit of the building via a mains socket.





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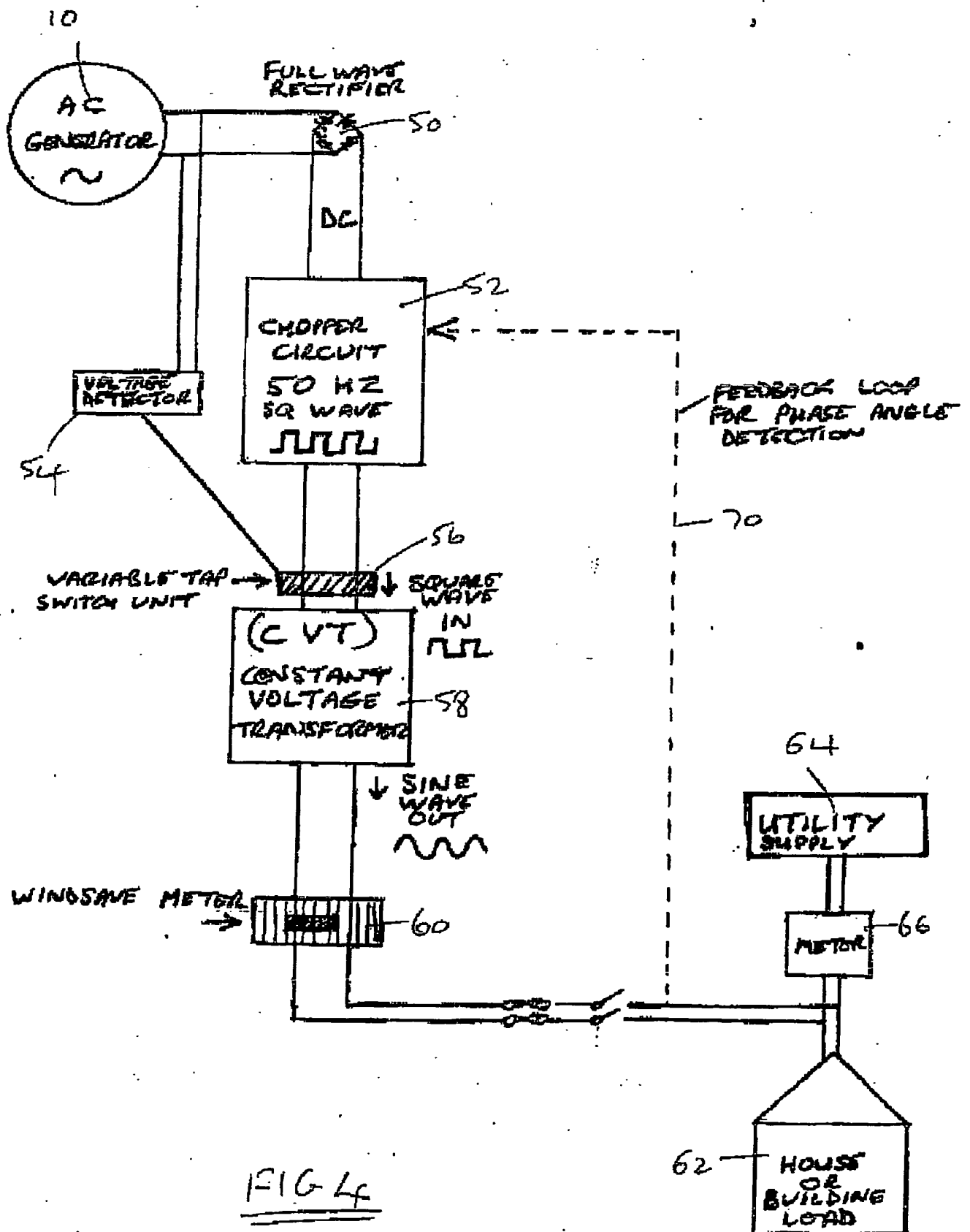
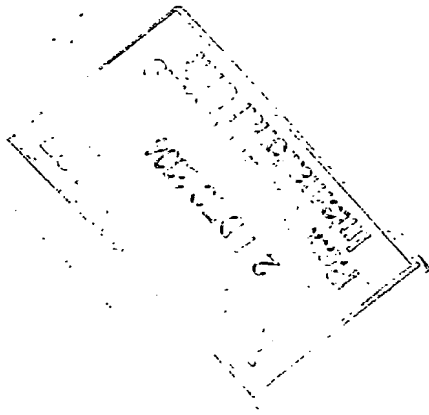


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